Christian began to tremble, The Latin crusade was at once succeeded by a Moslem crusade, as skilfully led and as heroically followed, and the more certain of ultimate victory because it drew its strength from native and internal sources, While the Christian colonists, intermingled with the native people, and degenerating under a climate unsuited to them, began to form the half-breed race which their own times called *Pnllani,* the Syrian Moslems, inured to the sun and the hot plains, retained their martial virility. The Syrian Prankish princes began to show in lepers, m default of male heirs, *in* princes unworthy of their titles, a general degeneracy; while the Moslems found a succession of leaders worthy of the first days of Mam, Ill-supported from Europe, and interminably quarrelling among themselves, the rulers of the four petty on the Syrian coast remained unconscious of the danger that threatened them, when, in the .great hinterland, the Moslem principalities, whose feuds of Egypt and Bagdad and emir against emir had given victory to the Crusaders, began to close together by agreement or absorption into a single empire.

After various emirs had challenged

the Christian advance on the* borders of Hamah, Aleppo, and Damascus, the tide itself was turned by a Moslem prince who outshone them all in fortune and genius,

In 1137, lmad-ed-dtn Zenki, son of an emir of Aleppo who acknowledged the suzerainty of the sultanate of Iconium or Rftm, was made by the